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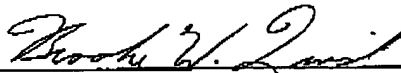
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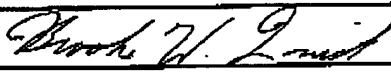
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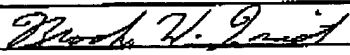
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	First Named Inventor	Lawrence C. Cole
	Art Unit	3714
	Examiner Name	Coburn, Corett B.
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for FY 2005**☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 120.00**Complete If Known**

Application Number	09/904,061
Filing Date	July 12, 2001
First Named Inventor	Lawrence C. Cole
Examiner Name	Coburn, Corbett B.
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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	_____

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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Serial No.: 09/904,061 Examiner: Corbett B. Coburn
Filed: July 12, 2001 Group Art Unit: 3714
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ALLOWING
UNINTERRUPTED GAMING

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the final Office Action of December 21, 2004, and is timely filed with a one month extension.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-47 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 for lack of patentable utility. Claims 11-19, 22-25, 27-33, 35-44, and 47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Acres (U.S. Patent No. 6,312,333). Claims 1, 2, and 4-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bell et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,505,461) in view of Acres (U.S. Patent No. 6,312,333). Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Bell et al., and further in view of Bergeron et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,882,473) and Pease et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,326,104). Claims 20, 21, 26, 34, 45, and 46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Acres (U.S. Patent No. 6,312,333), and further in view of Bergeron et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,882,473) and Pease et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,326,104).

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Claims 1, 4, 11, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, and 36 have been amended. No new claims have been added. Claims 48-50 were previously deleted. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims. Applicants respectfully contend that the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the cited references.